

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

July 15, 2011

Members Present – Cynthia Andrews - Pro Tem, Kameka Brown, Carolyn Johnson Davis, Karen Kent, Marti Lindeman, Michael Lusk, Rowena Rye, Helen Sikov

Members Excused: Gwendolyn Dotson, Rose Floyd, Jeannine Skinner

Staff – Catherine Lester, Deborah Harris, Karen Winston

I. ADS Update

Catherine Lester, the new HSD Deputy Director, was welcomed by MCAAE members. Most recently, Catherine is from Cleveland, Ohio, but originally from Canada. She is new to the Seattle area. Following introductions, Catherine provided an update regarding the Senior Services investigations. MCAAE members had the following questions:

1. We (Evergreen Healthcare) have contracts scheduled to start July 1st that are going to be delayed. This means delayed payment for providers, and could also impact services. Do you know why contracts are being delayed?

Response: ADS contracts may be further delayed due to the recent ADS staffing changes. In addition, due to the recent RFI (Request for Investments), new contracts with new providers are also being developed.

2. Will the fact that HSD has to pay back almost \$400K to the state impact current contracts, in particular caregiver and family support contracts?

Response: No

3. Will other funding for current contracts be affected?

Response: No

4. Is Dannette's vision still to work with nontraditional agencies that historically have not had the capacity or opportunity to compete for city contracts?

Response: Yes, that is still the HSD Director's vision.

Following the discussion, Cynthia proposed partnering with the Central Area Senior Center (The Central) to plan a reception to welcome Catherine to the Seattle community. Cynthia will follow-up with a possible dates.

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II. July 28th Candidates Forum

Marti provided an update on planning activities for the forum. (See attached draft agenda)

- Letters of invitation were mailed to candidates on July 7th. Marti and Cynthia will conduct follow-up calls beginning next week.
- Karen W. will prepare the Community Champion Award for the AAEP.
- Gwendolyn will introduce MCAAE members, including Anthony Shoecraft, and thank him for his past contributions to the MCAAE.
- Karen W. will video record the event.
- Cynthia report that lunch will be prepared for about 120 people, since the catfish lunch is a popular event.
- Members were asked to distribute flyers throughout the community, including churches.
- Marti will send notices to the press; Rowena will ask Connie Thompson to cover the event; Cynthia will contact Chris Bennett and Angela Russell.
- Karen W. will coordinate the resource table.
- Cynthia asked everyone to arrive at the center at 11:00 a.m. on the day of the event and assist with set-up.

III. Committee Reports

Outreach & Education Committee – Michael reported that the committee is waiting for the Kinship Center at The Central to open. The committee intends to help support kinship care providers. Carolyn Johnson Davis agreed to also join the committee.

Digital Communications Committee – As of July 15, the MCAAE Facebook page has 178 fans. Marti reported on the demographic profile of the fans. Marti requested a projector for the next meeting to further discuss the Facebook page and the MCAAE website. She also requested that pictures from the July 28th forum be posted on both websites. Karen W. added that the MCAAE website is being updated with members' pictures and updated bios.

Nominations Committee

At the June meeting committee members were asked to submit a recommended slate of officers for 2012. However, after their meeting, the committee had two questions: 1) Can two members serve as Co-Chairs?; 2) Can new positions be recommended? This led to a discussion of reviewing, and possibly amending, the current bylaws.

Kameka proposed two new positions be added to the bylaws:

- 1) Communications Officer - The Communications Officer is responsible for updating and publishing newsletters, heads PR campaigns, maintains website and assists other MCAAE members with public campaigns; The Communications Officer is responsible for projects include, but are not limited to, monthly newsletter,

communicating with outside media bodies, and crafting executive memos and documents for public release; The Communications Officer is responsible for creating an online strategy, and overseeing adherence to that plan throughout the year. Technical skills are helpful, but not required. The Communications Officer serves as liaison between internal and external representatives.

- 2) Legislative Officer - The Legislative Officer is the advocacy branch of the MCAAE, working with key administrators in the city/county/state to see that issues affecting African American Elders are apparent. The Legislative Officer is responsible for maintaining strong communication with other leaders of government and being well-versed in policy that may affect our target audience.

Members approved a motion for the Nominations Committee to further review the bylaws and present recommended amendments at the August meeting. All members were asked to carefully review the bylaws before the August meeting.

Karen W. was asked to prepare a report on the profile of African American elders in Seattle and King County for the August meeting.

Clergy Workshop Planning Committee – Tabled.

IV. Announcements

The Central's 3rd Annual Seafair Luncheon. Friday, August 5th, Cost - \$50.00

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2011, in the SMT 60th Floor, Room 6048.

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3rd Annual Legislative Forum
Top Concerns Seniors: Health, Housing & Transportation

Central Area Senior Center
500 – 30th Ave. So., Seattle, 98144
July 28, 2011
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

DRAFT AGENDA

Meet & Greet (Lunch is served at Noon)

Welcome to CASC

Cynthia Andrews

Director CASC

Welcome to the 3rd Annual Legislative Forum

Gwendolyn Coates

MCAAE Chair

- Introduction of Seattle Human Services Department
Deputy Director – Catherine Lester
- Introduction of MCAAE Members
- MCAAE Community Champion Award

Candidates for Seattle City Council (Invited)

Dawn Mason, Moderator

Former Washington State
Representative

Position 1: Jean Godden vs. Bobby Forch
Maurice Classen
Michael Taylor Judd

Position 3: Bruce Harrell vs. Brad Meacham

Position 5: Tom Rasmussen vs. Dale L. Pusey

Position 7: Tim Burgess vs. David Schraer (both declined)

Position 9: Sally Clark vs. Dian Ferguson
Fathi Karshie

Candidates for King County Council (Invited)

District 2: Larry Gossett vs. (unopposed)

District 8: Joe McDermott vs. Diana Toledo

Question & Answer Session

Closing Thoughts & Resource Table

Gwendolyn Coates
